

Joint Committee Meetings

REGIONAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

Joint Economic Committee: Urban Affairs Subcommittee held hearings to receive testimony on the relationship between regional economic problems and national economic policy from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

LABOR-HEW APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 14232, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor and Health, Education, and Welfare for fiscal year 1977. As agreed to by the *Conferees*, the language of amendment No. 68 would read "None of the funds contained in this Act shall be used to perform abortions except where the life of the mother would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term."

LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 14238, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for fiscal year 1977.

NATIONAL RESOURCE LANDS

Conferees continued to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 507, to provide for the management, protection, and development of the national resource lands, but did not complete action thereon and will meet again tomorrow.

EDUCATION

Conferees continued to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 2657, authorizing funds through fiscal year 1982 for vocational and higher education programs, but did not reach final agreement thereon and will meet again tomorrow.

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 14260, making appropriations for foreign assistance programs for fiscal year 1977, but did not reach final agreement thereon and recessed subject to call.

Thursday, September 16, 1976

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 30599–30704

Bills Introduced: Six bills and six resolutions were

introduced as follows: S. 3821–3826; S.J. Res. 213–214; and S. Res. 549–552.

Pages 30647, 30656–30659, 30751–30752

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 12961, to repeal provision under Title XIX of the Social Security Act which requires that a State waive immunity from litigation with respect to suits concerning medicaid payments for inpatient services, with an amendment (S. Rept. 94-1240);

S.J. Res. 173, requesting the President to proclaim the period September 26–October 2, 1976, as National Port Week (S. Rept. 94-1241);

S.J. Res. 214, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to dispose of surplus peanuts at competitive market prices (S. Rept. 94-1242);

S. 969, to extend from 36 to 45 months basic eligibility period for GI bill educational assistance benefits, with an amendment (S. Rept. 94-1243);

H.R. 589, to provide relief to the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District, California, as a result of delivery of water to Santa Ynez Indian Reservation lands (S. Rept. 94-1244);

H.R. 11722, to prohibit practice of requiring political contribution in order to obtain or hold a job in programs where any Federal moneys are involved, with amendments (S. Rept. 94-1245);

S. 3662, to amend the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974 with respect to the computation of annuity amounts in certain cases, with an amendment (S. Rept. 94-1246) (referred to Committee on Finance);

S.J. Res. 213, to establish a temporary position of "hearing officer" for black lung cases (S. Rept. 94-1247);

H.R. 4654, a private claims bill (S. Rept. 94-1248);

H.R. 11149, to authorize the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution to acquire and dispose of property (S. Rept. 94-1249);

S.J. Res. 181, to authorize the placement of the American Legion's Freedom Bell on National Park Service land in the District of Columbia, with amendments (S. Rept. 94-1250);

S. Res. 535, waiving section 402(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to the consideration of S. 3441, authorizing the Architect of the Capitol to maintain (for 2 years) certain historical sections of the Congressional Cemetery, Washington, D.C., and to provide a study with a view to its permanent maintenance (S. Rept. 94-1251);

S. Res. 546, waiving section 402(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to the consideration of S. 3800, to provide for reimbursement for losses sustained by persons injured by certain criminal acts (S. Rept. 94-1252);

H.R. 10073, to provide for the mandatory inspection of domesticated rabbits slaughtered for human consumption (S. Rept. 94-1253);

H.R. 10760, to improve program of benefits for victims of black lung disease, with an amendment (S. Rept. 94-1254) (referred to Committee on Finance);

S. 3823, omnibus rivers and harbors and flood control bill (together with supplemental views) (S. Rept. 94-1255);

S. 3688, to provide for the taking of a mid-decade population census (S. Rept. 94-1256).

S. Res. 515, waiving section 402(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 with respect to the consideration of H.R. 10073, to provide for the mandatory inspection of domesticated rabbits slaughtered for human consumption (without written report) (referred to Committee on the Budget).

Pages 30646-30647

Subject on the Table: S. 2908, veterans medical care, was taken from General Orders in the Calendar and placed on Subjects on the Table.

Page 30630

Mid-Decade Census: Committee on Post Office and Civil Service was discharged from the further consideration of H.R. 11337, providing for the taking of a mid-decade population census.

Page 30760

Messages From the House: Three messages were received from the House.

Pages 30645-30646

Amendments Submitted for Printing:

Page 30659

Bills Passed:

Veterans Travel Study: Senate passed with committee amendment and returned to the House H.R. 2735, to provide for an annual investigation by the Administrator into the cost of travel by veterans to Veterans' Administration facilities, and to set rates therefor.

Pages 30599-30630

Right to Food: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 138, calling for U.S. foreign and domestic policies designed to combat hunger and to improve nutrition.

Pages 30630-30631

Smith College—Taxation: Senate passed and returned to the House H.R. 1386, a private bill to admit duty free thirty-three carillon bells, including parts, for the use of Smith College, Massachusetts, after agreeing to Long unprinted amendment No. 462, providing a tax credit for tuition and certain other expenses incurred in providing higher education.

Page 30704

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested conference with the House, and appointed as conferees Senators Long, Talmadge, Ribicoff, Hansen, and Roth.

Page 30707

Subsequently, Senate, by 21 yeas to 62 nays, rejected motion to reconsider vote by which this bill was passed.

Page 30711

Also during consideration of this matter today Senate, by 80 yeas to 3 nays, agreed to motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators.

Page 30711

Pages 30704-30711

Enrollment Correction—Tax Reform: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 751, authorizing technical and clerical corrections in the enrollment of the conference report on H.R. 10612, Tax Reform Act.

Page 30731

Antitrust Review Commission: Senate passed and sent to the House S. 3799, to establish an Antitrust Review and Revision Commission, after agreeing to Javits unprinted amendment No. 463, calling for a study on the cost and effect of exemptions from the antitrust laws, and extending from March 1, until October 1, 1977, effective date of the bill.

Pages 30713-30715

Mike Mansfield Room: Senate agreed to S. Res. 551, to designate Senate conference room (S-207) in the Capitol building the Mike Mansfield room.

Pages 30751-30752

Habeas Corpus Rules: Senate passed without amendment and cleared for the White House H.R. 15319, to approve in whole or in part, with amendments, certain rules relating to cases and proceedings under sections 2254 and 2255 of title 28 of the United States Code.

Pages 30757-30759

Tax Reform: By 84 yeas to 2 nays, Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 10612, proposed Tax Reform Act of 1976.

By 81 yeas to 3 nays, Senate agreed to the House amendment to Senate amendment No. 35, estate and gift tax provisions, thus clearing the measure for the White House.

Pages 30715-30731

Public Safety Officers: Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 366, to provide benefits to survivors of certain public safety officers who die in the performance of duty, thus clearing the bill for the White House.

Pages 30711-30713

Health Maintenance Organizations: Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 9019, authorizing funds to extend and revise health maintenance organization programs.

Pages 30759-30760

1980 Winter Olympics: Senate agreed to the conference report on S. 2184, authorizing the Secretary of Commerce to participate in the organization for planning, design, and construction of facilities in connection with the 1980 Olympic winter games to be held at Lake Placid, N.Y., thus clearing the measure for the White House.

Page 30707

EPA Authorizations: Senate insisted on its amendment to H.R. 7108, extending until September 30, 1976, authorizations for various research, development, and demonstration programs of the Environmental Protection Agency, agreed to conference with the House, and appointed as conferees Senators Randolph, Muskie, and Baker.

Page 30756

Presidential Message—International Fisheries Agreement: Senate received a message from the Presi-

dent transmitting, in accordance with The Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976, a governing international fishery agreement between the United States and Poland—referred jointly to Committees on Commerce and Foreign Relations.

Page 30645

Unanimous-Consent Agreement: By unanimous consent it was agreed that at 1 p.m. on Friday, September 17, Senate will vote on question of overriding Presidential veto of H.R. 8800, authorizing funds for Federal programs of research, development, and demonstration designed to promote electric vehicle technologies; following disposition of which it will take up conference report on H.R. 14232, Labor-HEW appropriations bill (1½-hour time limitation).

Pages 30756–30757

Vice Presidential Appointment: Vice President appointed Senator Gravel to attend the annual meetings of the Board of Governors of the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, to be held in Manila, Philippines, October 4–8, 1976.

Page 30759

Senator Mansfield: Numerous Senators paid tribute to Senator Mansfield for his long service to the Senate. It was agreed that the Record will remain open for 10 days for the inclusion of additional such remarks, all which will be printed and bound as a Senate document.

Pages 30731–30756

Nominations: Senate received the following nominations:

William D. Rogers, of Virginia, to be United States Alternate Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development; United States Alternate Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank; and United States Alternate Governor of the Asian Development Bank;

Wat T. Culverius IV, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the State of Bahrain;

Edward E. Masters, of Ohio, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh; and

Numerous nominations in the Coast Guard.

Page 30760

Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today (total—605).

Pages 30711, 30730–30731

Adjournment: Senate met at 10:15 a.m. and adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Page 30760

Committee Meetings

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee approved 4,757 routine nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps.

GUAM FACILITIES REPAIR

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Construction began hearings on S. 3786, to authorize funds for construction and repair of typhoon-damaged facilities on Guam, receiving testimony from Perry J. Fliakas, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Installations and Housing; Rear Adm. A. R. Marschall, Commander, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, and Brig. Gen. William D. Gilbert, Deputy Director, Engineering and Services, both of the Department of the Air Force.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS—SOUTH AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs resumed hearings on the economic, political, and social situation in South Africa, including the changing role of foreign investment and the future of South Africa's policy of separate development, receiving testimony from Roger Morris, *The New Republic*, Washington, D.C.; Donald McHenry, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New York City; Edwin Munger, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena; and John Marcum, University of California, Santa Cruz.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

U.S. ARMS SALES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Foreign Assistance resumed hearings on proposed U.S. arms sales to Iran. Witnesses heard were Philip C. Habib, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; and Robert F. Ellsworth, Deputy Secretary of Defense.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following measures:

H.R. 11149, to authorize the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution to acquire and dispose of property;

H.R. 1244, to correct certain deficiencies relating to the security and protection of the President, Vice President, and their families, and other persons whom the Secret Service is directed to protect;

H.R. 11722, to prohibit practice of requiring political contribution in order to obtain or hold a job in programs where any Federal moneys are involved (amended);

S.J. Res. 173, requesting the President to proclaim the period September 16–October 2, 1976, as National Port Week;

S. 798, to provide that the "separation-of-functions" requirement in the Administrative Procedures Act apply to all employees of an agency engaged in investigation functions, except the general counsel;

S. 796, to implement changes in the Administrative Procedures Act;

S. 3646, to implement the "Convention to Prevent and Punish the Acts of Terrorism Taking the Form of Crimes Against Persons and Related Extortion that are of International Significance" and the "Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents;

The following 18 private immigration bills: H.R. 8119, 11890, 7624, and 11199, and S. 2948, 3026, 3556, 3757, 649, 2894, 3490, 2647, 2917, 3314, 2736, 3017, 3315, and 3313;

The following 3 private claims bills: S. 842, S. 3819, and H.R. 4654; and

The following nominations:

Peter T. Fay, of Florida, to be United States circuit judge for the fifth circuit;

Sidney M. Aronovitz, to be United States district judge for the southern district of Florida;

W. Eugene Davis, to be United States district judge for the western district of Louisiana;

Thomas A. Grace, Jr., to be United States marshal for the middle district of Louisiana; and

Frank J. Violanti, of Illinois, to be United States attorney for the district of the Canal Zone.

Committee also approved the Annual Reports of the Subcommittees on Administrative Practice and Procedure and Separation of Powers.

Committee indefinitely postponed action on the following 13 private immigration bills: S. 299, 2397, 2639, 2811, 1265, 2460, 2683, 3048, 2237, 2483, 2810, 3499, and 2557; and discussed S. 2940, a private claims bill.

Prior to these actions, subcommittee approved for full committee consideration the nomination of Mr. Davis, after the nominee testified and answered questions on his own behalf.

Subcommittee also held hearings on the nomination of Donald E. Walter, to be a United States district judge for the western district of Louisiana, where the nominee testified and answered questions on his own behalf. Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

PENALTIES FOR TERRORISTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Internal Security held hearings on S. 3517, to amend the criminal laws to set penalties for offenses committed by members of terrorist organizations, receiving testimony from Senator Bentsen.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

COMMITTEE SYSTEM

Temporary Select Committee To Study Senate Committees: Committee continued consideration of a proposal to deal with the Senate committee jurisdictional

problem, but did not complete action thereon and will meet again tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 15585-15600; 3 private bills, H.R. 15601-15603; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 1099, H. Con. Res. 751-753, and H. Res. 1551-1553 were introduced. Pages 30860-30862, 30926-30927

Bills Reported: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 3078, to authorize the establishment of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area in the State of Georgia, amended (H. Rept. 94-1568);

H.R. 11887, to amend the Act approved August 18, 1970, providing for improvement in the administration of the National Park System by the Secretary of the Interior and clarifying authorities applicable to the National Park System, amended (H. Rept. 94-1569);

H.R. 11891, to authorize the establishment of the Congaree Swamp National Preserve in the State of South Carolina, amended (H. Rept. 94-1570);

H.R. 15246, to amend the Service Contract Act of 1965 to provide that all employees, other than bona fide executive, administrative, or professional employees, shall be considered to be service employees for purposes of such Act (H. Rept. 94-1571);

H.R. 15449, to distinguish Federal grant and cooperative agreement relationships from Federal procurement relationships, amended (H. Rept. 94-1572);

H.R. 15390, to establish an office of inspector general within the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, amended (H. Rept. 94-1573);

H.R. 15445, to save the gray whale, amended (H. Rept. 94-1574);

S. 3050, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation, when the Coast Guard is not operating as a service in the Navy, to lease for military purposes structures and their associated real property located in a foreign country, amended (H. Rept. 94-1575);

H.R. 7682, relating to the disposition of certain recreational demonstration project lands by the State of Oklahoma, amended (H. Rept. 94-1576);

H.R. 10841, to amend the Intercoastal Shipping Act, 1933, by revising its suspension provisions and by authorizing periodic promulgation of rate of return guidelines, amended (H. Rept. 94-1577);

H.R. 13585, to amend the Federal Boat Safety Act of 1971, amended (H. Rept. 94-1578);

H. Res. 1551, providing for the consideration of H.R. 15, to regulate lobbying and related activities (H. Rept. 94-1579);

H.R. 3647, to amend the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 to permit aliens holding permanent residence visas to register aircraft in the United States, amended (H. Rept. 94-1580);

H.R. 12349, to amend the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 to limit under certain circumstances the discretion of the Civil Aeronautics Board in determining the rate of compensation to be paid to an air carrier for the transportation of mail by aircraft, amended (H. Rept. 94-1581);

H.R. 12484, to amend the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, to provide for expedited consideration by the Civil Aeronautics Board of applications for certificates of public convenience and necessity, amended (H. Rept. 94-1582);

H.R. 15026, to amend the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 to authorize reduced fare transportation on space-available basis for elderly persons, young persons, and handicapped persons, amended (H. Rept. 94-1583);

H.R. 15134, to amend the Public Buildings Act of 1959 in order to preserve buildings of historical significance through their use for Federal public building purposes, and to amend the act of August 12, 1968, relating to the accessibility of certain buildings to the physically handicapped, amended (H. Rept. 94-1584);

H.R. 4206, to designate the new Federal building in Albuquerque, New Mexico, as the "Senator Dennis Chavez Federal Building" (H. Rept. 94-1585);

H.R. 4847, to designate the Federal office building located in Dover, Delaware, as the "J. Allen Frear Building" (H. Rept. 94-1586);

H.R. 9444, to name the Federal Building in Omaha, Nebraska, the "Glenn Cunningham Federal Building" in commemoration of the many contributions of former Congressman Glenn Cunningham (H. Rept. 94-1587);

H.R. 12927, to designate a Federal building and United States Post Office in Jasper, Ga., as the "Phil M. Landrum Federal Building and Post Office" (H. Rept. 94-1588);

H.R. 13247, to name a certain Federal building in Grand Rapids, Mich., the "Arthur H. Vandenburg Building" (H. Rept. 94-1589);

H.R. 13727, to designate the plaza area of the Federal Building, Portland, Oreg., the "Terry Schunk Plaza" (H. Rept. 94-1590);

H.R. 14503, to name the new post office in Youngstown, Ohio, the "Michael J. Kirwan Post Office" (H. Rept. 94-1591);

H.R. 14956, to designate the "Joe L. Evins Post Office and Federal Building" (H. Rept. 94-1592);

H.R. 14977, to name the Federal office building in Athens, Ga., the "Robert G. Stephens Federal Building" (H. Rept. 94-1593);

H.R. 15546, to designate the "Ray J. Madden Post Office Building" (H. Rept. 94-1594);

H.R. 15582, to name the Federal office in Bluefield, W. Va., the "Elizabeth Kee Federal Building" (H. Rept. 94-1595);

H. Res. 1552, providing for the consideration of H.R. 14970, Special Unemployment Assistance Act of 1976 (H. Rept. 94-1596); and

H. Res. 1553, agreeing to the Senate amendment to H.R. 13350, with amendment (H. Rept. 94-1597).

Pages 30925-30926

Clean Air: By a voice vote, the House passed S. 3219, Clean Air Act Amendments after amending the bill to contain the language of H.R. 10498 as passed by the House on September 15.

The House then insisted on its amendment and asked a conference with the Senate. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Staggers, Rogers, Satterfield, Preyer, Symington, Scheuer, Waxman, Florio, Carney, Maguire, Devine, Carter, Broyhill, Heinz, and Madigan.

Pages 30762-30799

Electric Vehicles: By a yea-and-nay vote of 307 yeas to 101 nays, the House voted to override the President's veto of H.R. 8800, Electric and Hybrid Vehicle Research, Development, and Demonstration Act of 1976 (two-thirds of those present voting in the affirmative).

Pages 30800-30807

Tax Reform: By a yea-and-nay vote of 383 yeas to 26 nays, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 10612, to reform the tax laws of the United States—clearing the measure for the Senate.

Rejected a motion to recommit the conference report to the committee of conference.

By a yea-and-nay vote of 405 yeas to 2 nays, the House receded and concurred with amendment in Senate amendment numbered 35. Agreed to the previous question on the motion by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 181 nays.

Agreed to H. Con. Res. 751, directing the Clerk to make certain corrections in the enrollment of H.R. 10612.

Pages 30807-30860

Indian Claims Commission: House insisted on its amendment to S. 2081, to authorize appropriations for the Indian Claims Commission for fiscal year 1977; and agreed to a conference asked by the Senate. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Haley, Taylor of North Carolina, Meeds, Stephens, Risenhoover, Young of Alaska, and Johnson of Colorado.

Page 30862

Late Report: Committee on Government Operations received permission to file three reports by midnight tonight; and

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy received permission to file a report by midnight Saturday, September 18, on H.R. 15419, to provide for more efficient and effective

control over the proliferation of nuclear explosives by amendments to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Page 30862

State Fiscal Assistance: House disagreed to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 13367, to extend and amend the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972; and agreed to a conference asked by the Senate. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Brooks, Fountain, Fuqua, Mezvinsky, Jordan, John Burton, Drinan, Horton, Wydler, and Brown of Ohio.

Page 30862

Law Enforcement Assistance: House insisted on its amendments to S. 2212, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended; and agreed to a conference asked by the Senate. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Rodino, Edwards of California, Conyers, Mann, Danielson, Jordan, Holtzman, Mazzoli, Hughes, Hutchinson, McClory, Wiggins, and Butler.

Page 30862

Indian Health Care: House concurred in the Senate amendment to the House amendments to S. 522, Indian Health Care Improvement Act—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages 30862–30867

Military Construction Authorization: House concurred in the Senate amendments to H.R. 14846, to authorize certain construction at military installations—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages 30867–30868

Parens Patriae: By a ye-a-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 138 nays, agreed to a motion that the House agree to the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendments to H.R. 8532, Antitrust Parens Patriae Act—clearing the measure for the President.

By a recorded vote of 215 ayes to 177 noes, agreed to the previous question on the motion.

Pages 30868–30889

Late Reports: Committee on Public Works and Transportation received permission to file reports by midnight tonight on H.R. 15134, to amend the Public Buildings Act of 1959 in order to preserve buildings of historical or architectural significance through their use for Federal public buildings and to amend the Act of August 14, 1968, relating to the accessibility of certain buildings to the physically handicapped; H.R. 15026, to authorize reduced fare transportation on a space available basis for elderly persons and handicapped persons; H.R. 12349, to equalize the treatment afforded to tax loss carrybacks in determining regional air carrier subsidy; H.R. 3647, to amend the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 to permit aliens holding permanent residence visas to register aircraft in the United States; and H.R. 12484, to amend the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, to provide for expedited consideration by the Civil Aeronautics Board of applications for certificates of public convenience and necessity.

Page 30890

Second Budget Resolution: By a ye-a-and-nay vote of 234 yeas to 143 nays, the House agreed to a motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to S. Con. Res. 139, Second Concurrent Resolution on the Budget—clearing the measure.

Pages 30890–30895

Labor-HEW Appropriations: By a ye-a-and-nay vote of 256 yeas to 114 nays, the House agreed to a motion to recede and concur with amendment to Senate amendment numbered 68—clearing the measure for Senate action.

Pages 30895–30902

Meeting Hour: By unanimous consent agreed to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Page 30902

Late Reports: Committee on Rules received permission to file certain privileged reports by midnight tonight.

Page 30902

Medical Information: House concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 3348, to extend and improve the program of exchange of medical information between the Veterans' Administration and the medical community—clearing the measure for the President.

Page 30903

Interparliamentary Union: The Speaker appointed the following Members as delegates to attend the conference of the Interparliamentary Union to be held at Madrid, Spain, on September 23 to October 1: Representatives Jarman, Randall, McClory, Pepper, and Byron.

Page 30903

Presidential Message—Fishery Conservation: Received and read a message from the President wherein he transmits the governing international fishery agreement between the United States and the Polish People's Republic, signed at Warsaw on August 2, 1976—referred to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries and ordered printed (H. Doc. 94-613).

Page 30903

Referral: One Senate-passed measure was referred to the appropriate House committee.

Page 30925

Adjournment: Adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS

Select Committee on Aging: Met and approved reports entitled: "The Tragedy of Multiple Death Nursing Home Fires: The Need for a National Commitment to Safety"; and "Medical Appliances and the Elderly: Unmet Needs and Excessive Costs for Eyeglasses, Hearing Aids, Dentures, and Other Devices".

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Met and agreed to Senate amendment to H.R. 14846, to authorize certain construction at military installations.

XM-1 TANK PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: XM-1 Tank Panel continued hearings into the delay in the XM-1 Tank Program. Testimony was heard from Department witnesses.

TRANSFER OF NAVAL VESSELS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Strategic and Critical Materials held a hearing on and approved for full committee action S. 3734, to transfer 45 naval vessels to 11 other nations. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Robert J. Hanks, and Rear Admiral Paul C. Boyd, Department of the Navy; and Stephen Winship, Bureau of Politico-Military Affairs, Department of State.

COUNCIL ON WAGE AND PRICE STABILITY

Committee on Banking, Currency and Housing: Subcommittee on Economic Stabilization held a hearing on inflation and the Council on Wage and Price Stability. Testimony was heard from Representative Neal; William Lilley, III, Council on Wage and Price Stability; and Paul MacAvoy, Council of Economic Advisors.

Hearings continue Tuesday, September 21.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WATER RATES

Committee on the District of Columbia: Subcommittee on Bicentennial Affairs, the Environment, and the International Community met and approved for full committee action H.R. 15434, to provide for the establishment of an equitable rate structure for water delivered to the District of Columbia and to encourage water conservation in the District of Columbia.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ACT AMENDMENT

Committee on Education and Labor: Met and adopted a committee amendment to H.R. 50, Equal Employment Opportunity Act.

ENFORCEMENT OF TRUTH IN LENDING ACT

Committee on Government Operations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Consumer, and Monetary Affairs continued hearings into the enforcement of the Truth in Lending Act by Federal banking agencies. Testimony was heard from Philip Jackson, Member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Thomas Taylor, Office of Comptroller of the Currency; and John Early, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

TETON DAM COLLAPSE

Committee on Government Operations: Subcommittee on Conservation, Energy, and Natural Resources met and approved for full committee action report entitled "Teton Dam Collapse".

INTERIOR MISCELLANY

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Met and ordered reported favorably to the House the following bills:

H.R. 8002 amended, to designate certain lands in the Point Reyes National Seashore;

H.R. 11061 amended, to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, as amended;

S. 1365, to authorize the Secretary of Interior to convey to the city of Haines, Alaska, interests of the U.S. in certain lands;

S. 2798, for the relief of the city of Yakutat, Alaska;

S. 726, to direct the Secretary of Interior to convey, for fair market value, certain lands to Valley County, Idaho; and

H.R. 2743 amended, to authorize the Secretary of Interior to convey certain lands in the Sierra National Forest, California, to the Madera Cemetery District.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Mines and Mining met and approved for full committee action S. 190, a private bill.

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND SEASHORE URBAN NATIONAL PARK

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on National Parks and Recreation held a hearing on H.R. 3201 and related bills, to provide for the establishment of the Santa Monica Mountains and Seashore Urban National Park in the State of California. Testimony was heard from Representatives Goldwater and Bell; Department of Interior, and public witnesses.

SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN CUBA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Political and Military Affairs held an executive hearing on Soviet activities in Cuba. Testimony was heard from Brig. Gen. Joseph T. Palastra, Jr., USA, Defense Intelligence Agency.

HUMAN RIGHTS IN INDIA

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Organizations held a hearing on human rights in India. Testimony was heard from Mrs. Leila Kabir Fernandes, wife of chairman of Socialist Party of India; and Shrikumar Poddar, founding member of the Indians for Democracy.

CONGRESS AND FOREIGN POLICY

Committee on International Regulations: Special Subcommittee on Investigations continued hearings on Congress and foreign policy. Testimony was heard from U.S. Ambassador to Turkey William P. Macomber, Jr.

CABLE RATES AND RULES—ALASKA NATURAL GAS TRANSPORTATION ACT

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Met and ordered reported favorably to the House the following bills:

H.R. 15372 amended, to provide just and reasonable rates, terms, and conditions for the use of certain rights-of-way by persons desiring to lease space for wire communications, and with respect to penalties and forfeitures; and

S. 3521 amended, Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Act.

RETAIL UNIT AND ITEM PRICING

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Finance held a hearing on H.R. 4551 and related bills dealing with retail unit and item pricing. Testimony was heard from Representative Rosenthal and public witnesses.

FBI COMPLIANCE WITH FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Civil and Constitutional Rights held an oversight hearing on F.B.I. compliance with the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts. Testimony was heard from Quinlan J. Shea, Chief, Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts Unit, Department of Justice; and L. Clyde Groover, James M. Powers, and Richard C. Dennis, Jr., Federal Bureau of Investigation.

PRIVATE IMMIGRATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, and International Law acted on private immigration bills.

JUDICIAL REVIEW

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Law and Governmental Relations met and approved for full committee action S. 800, to amend chapter 7, title 5, United States Code, with respect to procedure for judicial review of certain administrative agency action.

NATIONAL OCEAN POLICY

Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries: Subcommittee on Oceanography continued hearings on establishing a national ocean policy. Testimony was heard from Secretary of Interior Kleppe; and Dr. Guyford Stever, Science and Technology Adviser to the President.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

PROBLEMS FACING PROFESSIONAL SPORTS

Select Committee on Professional Sports: Continued hearings on the problems facing professional sports

and the Federal laws under which they operate. Testimony was heard from Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury William M. Goldstein; IRS Commissioner Alexander; and Deputy Assistant Attorney General Joe Sims, Department of Justice.

Hearings continue Tuesday, September 21.

PUBLIC WORKS MISCELLANY

Committee on Public Works and Transportation: Met and ordered reported favorably to the House the following bills:

H.R. 15134 amended, Public Buildings Cooperative Use Act of 1976;

H.R. 14977, to name the Federal office building in Athens, Ga., the "Robert G. Stephens Federal Building";

H.R. 14956, to designate the "Joe L. Evins Post Office and Federal Building";

H.R. 12927, to designate a Federal building and United States Post Office in Jasper, Ga., as the "Phil M. Landrum Federal Building and Post Office";

H.R. 14503, to name the new post office in Youngstown, Ohio, the "Michael J. Kirwan Post Office";

H.R. 13727, to designate the plaza area of the Federal Building, Portland, Oreg., the "Terry Schunk Plaza";

H.R. 13247, to name a certain Federal building in Grand Rapids, Mich., the "Arthur H. Vandenberg Building";

H.R. 4847, to designate the Federal office building located in Dover, Del., as the "J. Allen Frear Building";

H.R. 4206, to designate the new Federal building in Albuquerque, N. Mex., as the Senator Dennis Chavez Federal Building";

H.R. 9444, to name the Federal Building in Omaha, Nebr., the "Glenn Cunningham Federal Building" in commemoration of the many contributions of former Congressman Glenn Cunningham;

H.R. 15546, to designate the "Ray J. Madden Post Office Building";

H.R. 15582, to name the Federal office in Bluefield, W. Va., the Elizabeth Kee Federal Building;

H.R. 15026, as amended, to authorize reduced fare transportation on space-available basis for elderly persons, young persons, and handicapped persons;

H.R. 12349, as amended, to limit under certain circumstances the discretion of the Civil Aeronautics Board in determining the rate of compensation to be paid to an air carrier for the transportation of mail by aircraft;

H.R. 3647, as amended, to permit aliens holding permanent residence visas to register aircraft in the United States;

H.R. 15570, to amend the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act to authorize appropriations; and

H.R. 12484 amended, to provide for expedited consideration by the Civil Aeronautics Board of applica-

tions for certificates of public convenience and necessity;

The Committee also approved a feasibility study for a Federal building in Knoxville, Tenn.; and approved a public building prospectus.

ERDA AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Rules: Reconsidered the rule adopted on September 15, 1976, and, subsequently, granted a rule amending Senate amendment to H.R. 13350 with the text of two House-passed bills (H.R. 13350 and H.R. 13676) to facilitate conference.

LOBBYING REGULATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted an open rule providing four hours of general debate with the time to be equally divided between and controlled by the chairmen and ranking minority members of the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct; making in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule, and making it in order to consider without the intervention of any point of order an amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, if offered as an amendment in the nature of a substitute for the Judiciary Committee substitute, on H.R. 15, to regulate lobbying and related activities. Testimony was heard from Representatives Flowers, Railback, Kastenmeier, Wiggins, Spence, and Chairman Flynt.

SPECIAL UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE EXTENSION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted an open rule providing one hour of general debate on H.R. 14970, Special Unemployment Assistance Act of 1976. Testimony was heard from Representatives Corman and Steiger of Wisconsin.

NASA PROGRAM REVIEW

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Space Science and Applications continued hearings on NASA program review for fiscal year 1978 authorization. Testimony was heard from Bradford Johnston, Associate Administrator, Office of Applications, NASA; R. D. Ginter, Office of Energy Program; and General Robert H. Curtin, Office of Facilities, NASA.

COAL MINING RESEARCH

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on ERDD—Fossil Fuels continued hearings on coal mining research and development. Testimony was heard from Elliot Richardson, Chairman, Energy Resources Council.

MEDICARE PHYSICIAN REIMBURSEMENT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on reimbursement under the medicare program for physicians in teaching hospitals. Testimony was heard from representatives of National Academy of Sciences, Social Security Administration, and Association of American Medical Colleges.

Joint Committee Meetings

GAS PIPELINE SAFETY

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 12168, authorizing funds to strengthen and improve natural gas pipeline safety programs.

EDUCATION

Conferees continued to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 2657, authorizing funds through fiscal year 1982 for vocational and higher education programs, but did not reach final agreement thereon and will meet again tomorrow.

NATIONAL RESOURCE LANDS

Conferees continued to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 507, to provide for the management, protection, and development of the national resource lands, but did not complete action thereon and will meet again on Monday, September 20.

OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 521, to provide for the orderly exploration of energy resources of the Outer Continental Shelf, but did not reach final agreement thereon and will meet again on Monday, September 20.

Friday, September 17, 1976

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 30935–30976

Bills Introduced: Three bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3827–3829; and S. Res. 553–554.

Pages 30945, 30946, 30979